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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller

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Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: FY 1981 Funding for Muslim World Coverage

REFERENCE: My memo of 18 April 1980, Same Subject

1. This is to update your information on two aspects of our effort to improve our Muslim World coverage, that bear specifically on resource needs for FY 1981. As you will recall, OMB reduced FBIS' Muslim World account from  in April, based on the presumption that we would find it difficult to start up our Pakistan operation as early as planned and that we would not be able to hire many of the 12 monitors required to fill our new positions at the London and Gulf (Bahrain) Bureaus.

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2. In fact, we have made rapid progress in Pakistan. Following the Pakistan Government's approval of our remote installation in June, FBIS officers visited Islamabad, found a site for our installation and acquired the necessary communications circuits from Islamabad to London. Our plans are to have the Islamabad installation become operational by this fall.

3. Our monitor recruitment effort has also moved ahead in Bahrain. We will have  positions filled by 1 August and expect to have all 12 filled by the end of this calendar year.

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4. You may wish to pass this information to Keith Hall.

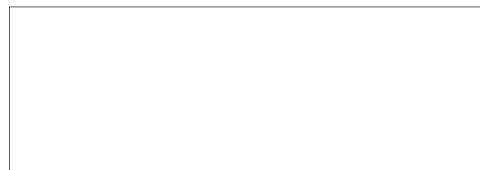
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